

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/658,088

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to February 23, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-8, 10-16 and 18-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Raymond Y. Chan on March 30, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2 is cancelled.

In claim 3, line 1, "claim 2" has been changed to "claim 24."

In claim 4, line 1, "claim 2" has been changed to "claim 24."

In claim 6, line 1, "claim 2" has been changed to "claim 24."

In claim 10, line 1, "claim 2" has been changed to "claim 24."

In claim 13, line 1, "claim 1" has been changed to "claim 24."

(New) Claim 24: A method of coating on a work piece having a treating surface, comprising the steps of:

(a) coating a coating film as a base color layer on said treating surface of said work piece, wherein said coating film has a predetermined color provided thereon, wherein the step (a) further comprises the steps of:

(a.1) dying said color on said coating film;

(a.2) feeding said coating film onto a water bath such that said coating film is flattened out at a water surface by means of water tension;

(a.3) applying said coating film on said treating surface of said work piece under a uniform water pressure, wherein said coating film is adapted to be stretched to fittingly coat on said treating surface of said work piece so as to evenly coat said color of said coating film on said treating surface of said work piece;

(a.4) removing a residual of said coating film from said work piece; and

(a.5) drying said work piece at an elevated temperature until said coating film is substantially coated on said treating surface of said work piece as said base color layer;

(b) coating a first transparent protective layer on said coating film to protect said coating film;

(c) attaching a sticker layer having a predetermined character pattern on said first transparent protective layer such that said character pattern of said sticker layer is projected from said coating film to form a three-dimensional appearance; and

(d) coating a second transparent protective layer on said first transparent protective layer to sealedly enclose said sticker layer between said first transparent protective layer and said second protective layer so as to form a three-dimensional customary coating layer on said work piece.


Allowable Subject Matter

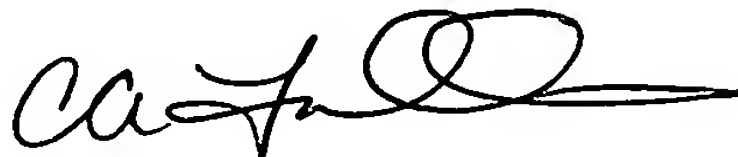
2. Claims 3-8, 10-16, and 18-24 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sing P Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-1225. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30AM-11:00AM and 12:00PM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher A Fiorilla can be reached on 571-272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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